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SUBJECT: WFC EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

REF: BYRNES/STIBRAVY TELECON

1. BY TELEPHONE FODAG ADVISED TODAY THAT TANCO INFORMED
DEPUTY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR WALTERS THAT "COMPROMISE" HE
HAD ENGINEERED WITH AZIZIL HUQ, MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE
BANGLADESH WAS OFF REPEAT OFF. HUQ TOLD TANCO THAT
COMPROMISE NOT POSSIBLE BECAUSE OF STRONG G-77, AND
OTHER COUNTRY, SUPPORT FOR BANGLADESH CANDIDATE AHMED.
HUQ ALSO SAID HE WOULD NOT ATTEND WFC SESSION IN MEXICO.
TANCO INTERPRETED LATTER COMMENT TO MEAN THAT HUQ HAD
NOT BEEN ABLE TO SELL THE COMPROMISE WITHIN HIS OWN
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GOVERNMENT. TANCO SAID THAT, AS ASIAN HIMSELF, THE
BANGLADESH UNWILLINGNESS TO WORK OUT AN AGREEMENT WAS
TYING HIS HANDS. TANCO SAID, ADDITIONALLY, THAT SYG
WALDHEIM HAD TRIED TWICE TO REACH HIM TODAY AND HE NOW
WAS CALLING THE SYG.

2. WHEN STATE ATTEMPTED RELAY ABOVE TO USDA, TANCO

WAS TALKING ON TELEPHONE TO DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY SCHUE. IN EFFECT TANCO REPEATED ALL INFORMATION IN

PARA ONE, ADDING THAT HE HAD JUST SPOKEN TO WALDHEIM WHO WAS PRESSING HIM, TANCO, TO DEVELOP A SOLUTION. TANCO REPEATED DIFFICULTY HE HAS BEING ASIAN AND PONDERED WHETHER IT MIGHT BE POSSIBLE TO HAVE AN AFRICAN NATION RAISE THE SAME COMPROMISE SOLUTION, I.E., PLACING WILLIAMS IN THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR POSITION AND GIVING THE SECOND POSITION TO THE BANGLADESH CANDIDATE.

3. ROME REPORTED THAT HANNAH WILL SEE WALDHEIM ON MATTER MONDAY OR TUESDAY, MAY 22-23. TANCO SAID HE ALSO HAD APPOINTMENT WITH SYG MAY 30.

4. AS MISSION KNOWS, HANNAH HAS BEEN PRESSING U.S. TO INTERCEDE WITH BANGLADESH IN EFFORT TO GET THEM TO BACK OFF. STATE IS NOT WILLING TO DO THIS AND SCHUE REPORTS THAT HATHAWAY SHARES THIS VIEW. WE THINK THE SYG AND TANCO THEMSELVES MUST CONTINUE TO TAKE THE LEAD SINCE BOTH PREFER WILLIAMS OVER THE OTHER CANDIDATES AND ARE DIRECTLY INVOLVED IN APPOINTMENT PROCESS. WE, OF COURSE, WISH TO BE SUPPORTIVE IN WHATEVER WAY WE CAN.

5. WE ALSO HAVE BEEN TOLD THAT NEW YORK G-77 CHAIRMAN, MILLS (JAMAICA), HAS INDICATED SUPPORT IN ROME FOR A LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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G-77 CANDIDATE (THERE IS ONLY ONE AT PRESENT). MILLS, WE THINK, HAD TALKS IN ROME WITH WILLIAMS AND AMBASSADOR GARDNER BUT THESE ARE NOT REPORTED AS YET. VANCE

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